

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1 (original): A steel pipe pole base reinforced with ribs welded to said steel pipe pole base in the form of a T-joint, characterized by forming peening processed portions at weld toes by ultrasonic vibration.

2 (original): A steel pipe pole base according to claim 1, characterized by said ribs being tabular ribs.

3 (original): A steel pipe pole base according to claim 1, characterized by said ribs being inverted-U or inverted-V shaped ribs bent at the upper end portions.

4 (original): A method for reinforcing a steel pipe pole base according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized by applying peening treatment to weld toes by ultrasonic vibration after said tabular ribs, inverted-U shaped ribs or inverted-V shaped ribs are welded to said steel pipe pole base in the form of a T-joint.

5 (currently amended): A method for reinforcing a steel pipe pole base according to claim 4, characterized by applying peening treatment to said weld toes by ultrasonic vibration while a an external load is imposed on said steel pipe pole base so as to impose a tensile stress in the direction of the steel pipe axis on the base material in the region subjected to said peening treatment.

Claim 6: (canceled).

7 (new): A steel pipe pole base according to claim 2, wherein the peened processed portion for the tabular ribs is a portion located from an upper end portion of the tabular ribs to at least 10 mm downward from the upper end portion.

8 (new): A steel pipe pole base according to claim 3, wherein the ribs are inverted-U shaped ribs with the inverted-U shaped ribs having a center line, and the

peened processed portion for the inverted-U shaped ribs is a region extending at a central angle α on both sides of the center line, wherein α is in a range of about 30 to 60 degrees.

9 (new): A steel pipe pole base according to claim 8, wherein the central angle α on both sides of the center line is about 45 degrees.

10 (new): A steel pipe pole base according to claim 3, wherein the ribs are inverted-V shaped ribs, with the inverted-V shaped ribs having a center line, and the peened processed portion for the inverted-V shaped ribs is a region extending at a central angle α on both sides of the center line, wherein α is in a range of about 30 to 60 degrees.

11 (new): A steel pipe pole base according to claim 10, wherein the central angle α on both sides of the center line is about 45 degrees.